

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Warren (Dick) George Jorgensen was born on June 9, 1925, at Wakonda, South Dakota, to Andrew and Francis Jorgensen, one of seven children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Dick married Mary Hammond on July 6, 1952, and to that union four children were born: Sandra, Dickson, Jeanette, and Dexter, who in turn presented them with three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Dick served his country during World War II in the Philippines and Korea; and,

Whereas, Dick enjoys playing his accordion and fiddle, dancing, restoring his 1937 Lincoln Zephyr, and he enjoys his collection of old farm tractors; and,

Whereas, Dick continues to live and work on the farm and take care of his "pets", one cat, two dogs, two llamas and 150 sheep:

Whereas, Dick will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on June 18, 2005, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State